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DISCUSSION

REF: (A) USNATO 5221 (DTG 231956Z MAY 78) (B) USNATO
5086 (DTG 191916Z MAY 78)
SUMMARY. AT MAY 23 INFORMAL DRAFTING GROUP DISCUSSIONS OF
SEPARATE PUBLIC RELEASE ON LTDP (COMMUNIQUE DISCUSSIONS
REPORTED SEPTEL), ALLIES GENERALLY SUPPORTED THE DRAFT
TEXT (REF A), WITH SIGNIFICANT CHANGES LIMITED TO
THE INTRODUCTORY SECTIONS (PARAS 1-6) AND THE FINAL
PARAGRAPH ON IMPLEMENTATION. THESE REVISIONS INCLUDE:
A) AN ALTERNATIVE CANADIAN TEXT (BRACKETED) FOR PARA 3
DRAWN FROM PARA 4 OF THE LTDP REPORT; B) THE TRANS-
POSITION OF THE LAST SENTENCES OF PARA 4 AND 5 TO
FOLLOW THE SECOND SENTENCE OF PARA 6; C) DELETION OF
THE LANGUAGE ON THEATRE NUCLEAR MODERNIZATION IN PARA 6
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AND PROVISION OF A SEPARATE PARA ON THIS TOPIC IDENTICAL
TO PARA 11 OF THE LTDP SUMMARY ATTACHED TO THE DPC
MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE (REF B); AND D) ADDITION OF
LANGUAGE CONCERNING PERIODIC MONITORING OF THE LTDP AND,
IN BRACKETS, ON STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY
IN THE FINAL PARA. THE DRAFTING GROUP WILL DISCUSS
REVISED TEXT ON AN INSTRUCTED BASIS MAY 25. WE WILL

PROVIDE TEXT AND COMMENT SEPTEL. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION OF LTDP PART OF SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE (SEPTEL), DEFENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC) ADDRESSED SEPARATE PUBLIC RELEASE ON LTDP (REF A). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO DRAFT TEXT FOLLOWS:

. - PARA 1. AT US REP'S (BADER) SUGGESTION, COMMITTEE AMMENDED THE LAST CLAUSE OF THE PARA TO READ:
"AS A NECESSARY RESPONSE TO THE DEFENSE CHALLENGES OF THE 1980S" VICE "AS AN ESSENTIAL CONTRIBUTION..."

. - PARA 2. NO SUPPORT WAS SHOWN FOR US REP'S PROPOSAL TO ADD LANGUAGE DRAWN FROM THE LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 1 OF WASHINGTON PAPER (LTDP INTERRELATES NATO DEFENCE ACTIVITIES INTO A COHERENT WHOLE), BUT COMMITTEE AGREED AT DUTCH (WYNAENDTS) AND US REP'S SUGGESTIONS TO ADD LANGUAGE EMPHASIZING THE COOPERATIVE AND LONGER-TERM APPROACH, DRAWN FROM PARA 9 OF THE DPC MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE (REF B).

. - PARA 3. CANADIAN REP (OLSON), ON INSTRUCTIONS, CIRCULATED AN ALTERNATIVE TEXT DRAWN FROM PARA 3 OF THE LTDP REPORT (DPC 1D(78)7). CANADIAN PARA RECEIVED NO SUPPORT. US REP, WITH STRONG SUPPORT FROM CHAIRMAN AND UK (PETERS) AND FRG (VON SANDRART) REPS, EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR PRESENT TEXT, NOTING THAT IT WAS MORE CONFIDENTIAL

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READABLE AND MORE SUITABLE FOR A PUBLIC DOCUMENT. AFTER ATTEMPTING TO FIND A COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE TWO TEXTS, INCLUDING POSSIBLE USE OF SOME OF THE CANADIAN TEXT IN A CONCLUDING PARA, COMMITTEE DECIDED TO RETAIN PARA 3 AND DRAFTED WITH THE ALTERNATIVE CANADIAN TEXT IN BRACKETS.

. - PARA 4-6. TO UNDERScore THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE LTDP, US REP PROPOSED THAT THE LAST SENTENCES OF PARAS 4 AND 5 BE TRANSPOSED TO FOLLOW THE SECOND SENTENCE OF PARA 6. COMMITTEE ADOPTED THIS APPROACH. AT FRG REP'S SUGGESTION, DRC DROPPED THE SENTENCE IN PARA 6 DEALING WITH THEATRE NUCLEAR MODERNIZATION AND PROVIDED A SEPARATE PARA ON THEATRE NUCLEAR MODERNIZATION IDENTICAL TO PARA 11 OF THE LTDP SUMMARY ATTACHED TO THE DPC MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE.

. - PARA 7. TO REFLECT UK POSITION IN LTDP REPORT, ALL REFERENCES TO "COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT" IN THIS AND SUBSEQUENT PARAS WERE AMMENDED TO READ: "COOPERATIVE OR COORDINATED DEVELOPMENT".

. - 16. COMMITTEE AGREED WITH US REP'S PROPOSAL

TO ADD A CLAUSE AT THE END OF THE PARA RELATING TO PERIODIC MONITORING AND REVIEW. US WAS ISOLATED, HOWEVER, IN ATTEMPTING TO INSERT LANGUAGE ON STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY, WHICH WILL APPEAR IN BRACKETS.

2. THE DRAFTING GROUP WILL REVIEW A REVISED TEXT ON AN INSTRUCTED BASIS ON MAY 25. WE WILL PROVIDE TEXT AND COMMENT SEPTEL. GLITMAN

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